



October 5, 2017
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Joel San Juan – District 1
Rebecca Hernandez, 2nd Vice Chair – District 2
Michael Matthews – District 2
Jenifer Mendel, Member-at-Large (ADS) – District 2
Deanne George – District 3
Colin MacKinnon – District 3
Ed Weiner – District 3
Jerry Hall (ADS) – District 4
John Sturm, 1st Vice Chair – District 4
Judith Yates, Member-at-Large (MH) – District 4
Phil Deming, Chair – District 5
Richard McGaffigan (ADS) – District 5
K.C. Strang – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Eyra Leeper – District 1
Tom Behr – District 4
Dana Hamilton – District 5

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Alfredo Aguirre, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Ben Parmentier, Administrative Analyst III, Behavioral Health Services
Phil Ainsworth, Administrative Analyst II, Behavioral Health Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting was called to order by Phil Deming, Chair, at 2:34 p.m. at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92101, Room 302.

A moment of silence was observed to remember individuals that were lost due to recent events.

II. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Members of the BHAB introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –September 7, 2017

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Michael Matthews, the BHAB approved the minutes of September 7, 2017, as written.

AYES: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

- A request was offered and accepted to modify the minutes regarding minor wording on the exploitation of youth.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

V. PATIENT ADVOCATE UPDATES

Greg Knoll from Legal Aid Society of San Diego/Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy and Mike Phillips from Jewish Family Service (JFS)

Greg Knoll informed the board of the history of the Legal Aid Society. In 2017, due to the Legal Aid Society's involvement with community cases, \$10.3 million went back into the community. The Legal Aid Society has released their yearly annual report. Mr. Knoll also wanted to thank the County of San Diego for assisting with opening up a new unit; to address Social Security Income (SSI) for children.

DISCUSSION:

Q. Are there any legal areas that the Legal Aid Society could also assist in if there were more resources?

A. The Legal Aid Society would benefit from hiring more case managers to ensure that people get the assistance they need.

Q. What percentage of clients are children? Are they part of a family, or homeless themselves?

A. The new SSI unit serves children and their families. They have approximately 120 cases. They get referrals and are able to connect children and families to multiple providers.

Q. Does the Legal Aid Society get involved with immigration or DACA (Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals) issues?

A. It just received two new grants, one for DACA and one for immigration removal proceedings that would protect someone that has been ordered to be removed. The governor has signed several bills that would protect some immigrant's rights in the state.

Q. Has the Legal Aid Society considered using peer advocates?

A. It currently has five peer advocates: three that assist with the mental health team in filing grievances and two that assist case managers.

Q. If the current President of the United States cuts legal aid funding, would services be impacted?

A. Legal aid was originally zeroed out of the President's budget. The House did not agree with the Administration and decided only to cut the budget by \$85 million. The senate proposed level legal aid funding.

Q. Would the Legal Aid Society support bail reform?

A. Yes. The Administrative Office of the Courts for the State of California is working with the Legal Aid Society to craft bail reform.

Q. With regard to Hepatitis A, is the Legal Aid Society involved with homeless civil rights?

A. A lawsuit has been filed to try and criminalize homelessness, and there may be a response.

Mike Phillips informed the board regarding the roles of JFS and patient rights issues regarding inpatient care. Program staff meet with hospitals to ensure they are following laws and regulations. There have been expansions into older adult programs, and psychiatrist care, and expansions into the drug and alcohol programs may be forthcoming. Mr. Phillips will send out their annual report to individual BHAB board members.

DISCUSSION:

Q. What is the current level of staffing for JFS staffing?

A. JFS covers approximately 350 facilities, (group homes, crisis centers, skilled nursing facilities etc.) they have 12 paid staff, and are now utilizing volunteers. They have individuals on the team that have previous lived experience (although they are not identified as peers).

Q. Is JFS able to monitor boarding facilities?

A. JFS is able to go into long term adult boarding facilities and see patients and perform presentations. They visit frequently and address new and ongoing needs.

Q. Has JFS reached out to local law schools to find volunteers or interns?

A. JSF regularly reaches out to law schools and community partners to find volunteers and interns. They have discussed starting a mental health clinic that would work directly with JFS.

VI. PRESENTATION: 2017 Data Notebook

Tabatha Lang – Chief, Agency Operations, Piedad Garcia – Deputy Director, Departmental Ops.

The board was provided information regarding the 2017 Data Notebook, a project of the California Mental Health Planning Council. The 2017 Data Notebook addresses behavioral health services and needs in the system of care for older adults. It discusses various topics including substance abuse, mental health services, emergencies and crisis services, peer counselors, demographic trends, and barriers to services.

Concern was raised regarding the timing of the Data Notebook due to the fact the 2017 Notebook is due earlier than in years past.

- The deadline was earlier this year. The BHAB Chair will send a letter to the Planning Council noting that there wasn't adequate time to gather the data and respond to the data notebook, and request an extension.

Discussion was raised that other counties and states should publish their data in order to compare data between counties nationwide.

VII. REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Colin MacKinnon, BHAB Board Member

K.C. Strang, Judith Yates and Colin MacKinnon met on 9/25 and reviewed members' interest in holding officer positions in BHAB for 2018. They unanimously recommended the slate for 2018: Jenifer Mendel as Chair, John Sturm as 1st Vice Chair, Rebecca Hernandez as 2nd Vice Chair, Jerry Hall as Member at Large and Richard McGaffigan as Member at Large. Voting on the slate will occur at the November BHAB meeting.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Alfredo Aguirre, Director, Behavioral Health Services

- Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) implementation plan was approved by the state.
- DMC Proposed rates and fiscal plans are at the state for review. Implementation will be July 1, 2018.
- Transition Age Youth (TAY) workgroup is being established as a council.
- BHS staff are currently working with County Council regarding BHAB bylaw changes. The workgroup will meet with BHS staff and County Council to review.
- Film "Chasing the Dragon" is playing October 25th at Valley Center High School. Bob Elliot and the NCADD are responsible for initiating educational screenings.

IX. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Phil Deming, Chair

- BHAB board members are reminded to complete the 2018 BHAB priority worksheet in preparation for the fall retreat.
- Some members may have ethics requirements that are coming due, BHS staff will send reminders out to those BAHB members.
- Many BHAB member terms are expiring in early 2018. If members have questions about reappointment, they should contact their appointing Board of Supervisor's office.

X. ADVOCATE REPORTING

- BHAB Board member Richard McGaffigan attended the 12th Annual Conference of Seniors and Sobriety. Additional information will be provided.

XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Two upcoming events: Marijuana Summit 11/6 - 11/7 and the Statewide Opioid conference 11/8-11/9. BHS staff and BHAB board members will be attending.
- CAPA – California Alcohol Policy Alliance group recently met and discussed a proposed bill that would allow communities to authorize local bars to remain open until 4am. That bill was defeated.
- Recovery International is having a graduation ceremony 10/13 from 2-4pm at the Camino Del Rio North location.

XII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Tom, seconded by Ricard, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

AYES: All NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

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